

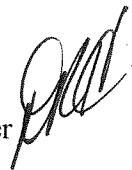



City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: August 24, 2004

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Holloway, City Manager 

FROM: T. Jarb Thaipejr, Public Works Director/City Engineer 

SUBJECT: Authorization to Proceed and to Adopt the Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Establish Underground Utility District No. 1, Generally located along Redlands Blvd. between the Westerly City Boundaries and the Easterly City Boundaries.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Public Works Director and City Clerk to proceed with the formation of the Underground Utility District No. 1, which will be, generally, located along Redlands Blvd. from the westerly city boundary to the easterly city boundary and to adopt the resolution to set the public hearing to September 14, 2004.

BACKGROUND

The area along Redlands Blvd. is clustered with overhead utility wires on both sides of the street. The north side of the street contains telephone and cable TV utility poles, while Southern California Edison's (SCE) transmission and distribution lines are along the south side of Redlands Blvd.

The cost to underground the electrical utilities is typically funded by Rule 20A Funds. Various power companies set aside funds for Rule 20A Funds for the purpose of undergrounding utility lines, which is mandated by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The PUC allocates these funds annually to various cities and counties within power company service areas. Other utilities, such as telephone and cable TV, are not governed by the PUC and, therefore, must provide their own funding.

Approximately \$65,000 a year is allocated for use by the City by Southern California Edison. Currently, the City has a balance of \$543,683 in its Rule 20A account. SCE allows cities to "mortgage" future projects for up to five years of estimated allocations.

If authorization by City Council is given to proceed, it is recommended that the attached resolution is approved and the public hearing is set for September 14, 2004. The City will distribute notices of hearing to all affected utilities.

ANALYSIS

By establishing the Underground Utility District (UUD), Redlands Blvd. would become more aesthetically pleasing. It would also reduce or eliminate utility down time and pole or utility line damage sometimes caused by Santa Ana winds or traffic accidents.

Once the UUD is established, the City will require utility companies to relocate all overhead utilities into the UUD. Phase I of the underground utilities on Redlands Blvd. will extend between Anderson St. and Mt. View Ave.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Not required.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This are no costs involved to establish the Underground Utility District.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2004-1 ENCOMPASSING THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF REDLANDS BOULEVARD FROM THE EASTERLY TO WESTERLY CITY LIMITS, AS WELL AS CERTAIN PARCELS ADJACENT TO OR ALONG THE APPROACHES OF REDLANDS BOULEVARD

WHEREAS, Chapter 12.16 of the Loma Linda Municipal Code establishes the procedures for the creation of underground utility districts; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that an underground utility district, hereinafter called

“UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 2004-1”

be formed on the north and south sides of Redlands Boulevard from the easterly to westerly City Limits, as well as certain parcels adjacent to or along the approaches of Redlands Boulevard, more particularly depicted in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY resolved as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Loma Linda declares its intention to establish Underground Utility District 2004-1 as described above; and
2. That a public hearing shall be conducted on September 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, California, for the purpose of hearing any and all persons wishing to make comment on the proposed establishment of Underground Utility District 2004-1 and for the purpose of determining whether the undergrounding of overhead utilities in the proposed District is in the general public interest.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of August 2004 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Byrnes-O'Camb, City Clerk

Underground Utility District 2004-1

